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Column One
By David Courtney

THE highwayman who beset the international roads are doing well for themselves. The passing traveller pays up as if he likes it and next time he passes pays again, and before very long convinces himself that it is good policy to go on paying the highwaymen because that, if you look at it the right way, is security. Egypt is the one who has to be paid just now. She stands at the Middle East crossroads, the pistols dangling from her waist, and haggles with Britain and America over the price of their ransom: strictly speaking, Britain's ransom, with America acting as banker, and France and Turkey holding a watching brief; and couriers reporting to Egypt's neighbour, Israel, as much as it is good for Israel to know.

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IT is a diplomatic process and therefore the reference to highwaymen and ransom is a columnist's exaggeration just as the use of the word appeasement is a politician's exaggeration: appeasement is a word which may properly be applied to any effort to straighten things with Russia. Oiling the palms of the pashas is something quite different. It is security; and security is just as much to Israel's benefit as to America's, so that Israel is asked to contribute her mite to the kitty from which Egypt is to be appeased (there is a more diplomatic word but it escapes me), and should do so with a good grace — it is all in a good cause.

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THE Four-Power offer to Egypt has followed with unbecoming haste upon the Egyptian Government's declaration that it intends immediately to repudiate the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, dismiss the British from the Canal Zone and proclaim Egypt the sole sovereign power in the Sudan and Farouk its King. The treaty was signed in London in 1936 by Nahas Pasha, who now [illegible] it upon himself to tear it up. Treaties involving military occupation of a country or part of it by the forces of another country sooner or later and inevitably become irksome to the country occupied; but there seems no way of stopping them. The latest of their kind is America's treaty with Japan and that may be a reason why the Americans are being more helpful to Britain in Egypt than they were to Britain in Persia.

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KING Farouk and his pashas have rejected the Four-Power offer out of hand because the offer is evidence of the West's willingness to pay ransom, indeed their eagerness to do so, and that being the case why not hold out for more. It is possible to infer that the British expect the Egyptians to do just that; the Americans, on the other hand, believe they have ways and means of persuading the Egyptians to accept. It is known that Egypt had been warned of an impending offer before Nahas Pasha made his dramatic statement to Parliament. He beat the West to the post by a few days and therefore, and deliberately, made it extremely difficult for the King and his government to withdraw their Canal Zone and Sudan claims whatever the offer from the West.

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IT is a fair guess that Egypt will insist upon the right to abrogate the treaty and at the same time to enter the Middle East Defence Organization. She might be willing to accept a NATO force in the Canal Zone instead of the British but is hardly likely to forgo the whole of her Nile Valley pretensions. The Western powers would then expect her to make peace with Israel, which she might be willing to do — on her own terms. But this is guesswork and nothing is harder to guess at than the shape of security or the course of appeasement. There is always the chance that one day one of the travellers along the road where the highwayman stands with his dangling pistols will decide that ransom is not security whereas international law and order are.

Tel Aviv, October 16.

Strike Halts All Rail Traffic; 200 Men Out

Railroads throughout the country will be at a standstill today, as a result of the strike of engineers and firemen which began in Haifa on Saturday evening.

It was reported from Haifa last night that no progress had been made in the wage negotiations. The strike will affect 2,000 to 3,000 passengers and some 4,000 tons of freight daily.

The paralysis began on Saturday evening, when the evening train failed to leave Haifa as 130 engineers and firemen implemented a strike decision taken that afternoon. On Sunday morning, 60 Tel Aviv and Lydda engineers and firemen joined their Haifa colleagues after they had put the morning train through to Haifa.

Grading Question

It is learned that the Haifa workers' strike was unplanned, and followed a long meeting on unresolved negotiations with the Histadrut's Trade Union Department and the Civil Servants' Union. The talks, which have been in progress some time, hinge on the question whether the railway workers are to be graded as ordinary civil servants or as technicians, similar to workers in the metal industry. The workers demand the latter classification, which would mean higher wages.

In Tel Aviv yesterday, the Histadrut Executive warned the strikers that severe measures would be taken if they failed to return to work immediately. It is understood that the strikers may be suspended from the Histadrut.

The strike was called against the unanimous decision of the Trade Unions Department, which had resolved to present the Government with other demands than those put forward by the strikers.

Yesterday's Histadrut announcement said the strikers had not appealed the department's decision to the Central Committee, which would have been the normal way to deal with their grievance.

Breakdown In J'lem Electricity Talks

The strike at the Jerusalem Electric and Public Service Corporation is continuing following a breakdown in the negotiations on Sunday over the question of provident fund payments by the company.

A Histadrut spokesman said last night that union and employee representatives would meet today to "map plans to broaden the strike." The walkout, which started last Thursday over the question of granting the Jerusalem employees the same contract as that covering workers at the Palestine Electric Corporation, has thus far not affected the power supply. It is presumed that the workers today will discuss the possibility of calling out the 20 men operating the generators.

Provident Fund Terms

The provident fund arrangements demanded by the Jerusalem workers are not included in the P.E.C. labour contract. The firm, therefore, holds that its workers should not request such payments. The employees, in turn, point out that the P.E.C. provided housing and other benefits not being made by the Jerusalem company. It is also noted that the Jerusalem management approved these payments last August when a tentative agreement was signed.

The J.E.C. representatives, while agreeing to salary increases and upgrading, told the union that the disputed point would have to be referred to its London offices and required further study.

The workers, who are now waiting for the management to schedule the next meeting, are also making plans to extend their walkout.

Plane Leaves Cairo Safely

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. —The BOAC plane which left here on Friday morning and was forced down near Cairo because of engine trouble and bad weather, left Egypt at 9:30 yesterday morning. There were 40 passengers aboard, mostly Jews.

BOAC officials here have heard of no difficulties being encountered in Cairo, but are waiting until the plane reaches London for a report. The aircraft also carried mail. Several months ago, when an Israel bound TWA plane was forced down in Cairo, the Egyptian authorities confiscated the mail.

Joseph to Broadcast On Food Situation

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr. Dov Joseph, will broadcast a long statement on the food and supply situation tomorrow evening.

It is understood that Dr. Joseph will discuss the supply situation and future prospects. He will also disclose what is planned to improve the situation.

Mossadeq Asks UN to Drop Case

NEW YORK, Monday.—Premier Mohammed Mossadeq of Persia today warned the U.N. Security Council to keep its hands off the Anglo-Iranian dispute, and declared that Persia will not be coerced. In a long statement to the Council, the Premier confirmed a spokesman's earlier declaration today closing the door on further talks with Britain except on indemnities and the sale of oil.

Dr. Mossadeq read the opening part of a 31-page statement to the Council and then, because of his frail health, asked an aide to finish it for him. After shutting his ears to all talks of negotiations, except on the two points he outlined, the Premier called for respect of Persia's independence, for her right of self-determination, and for help to maintain the relations of the rest of the world.

His statement concluded: "Given the conception we hold of our duty and the duty of others toward us, it must be plain why we will not be coerced, whether by foreign governments or by international authorities. "We will not take action and we will not engage in negotiations affecting our internal affairs under pressure."

Exploitation Charge

He argued that the British-owned A.I.O.C. exploited his people and urged the Council to declare that it was without jurisdiction in the case.

Dr. Mossadeq continued: "I wish once again to declare emphatically that my government is quite willing to re-open direct negotiations on the two points just mentioned as soon as the United Kingdom show a real desire and intention to reach a settlement. But if we delay the resumption of oil exploitation, our economic situation will go from bad to worse, and our administrative and financial machinery will be paralysed.

"For these reasons, you will, I hope, agree that there is no justification for the Council's intervention."

Before Dr. Mossadeq took the floor, Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb presented the new British resolution, simply calling on both sides to resume negotiations. Sir Gladwyn said the situation had changed since Britain introduced the original resolution on September 29, and that the voluntary departure of British technicians from Abadan made the operative part of the first British resolution "out of date."

He said: "I hope and believe, moreover, that in spite of indications to the contrary, it will not, on consideration, be rejected by the Government of Iran."

After Sir Gladwyn Jebb had replied very briefly to Dr. Mossadeq, stressing that it was the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company which had realized and developed Persia's oil wealth, the Council adjourned until tomorrow.

Meanwhile, reports from New Delhi said India is to submit an amendment to the British resolution.

In Teheran today, Persia delivered a strong protest note to Britain against the "illegal seizure" of shipments of goods belonging to Persia. In a note delivered to the British Embassy the Foreign Ministry warned that if the seizure is maintained, the Persian Government "reserves the right to demand from the British Government full compensation for any loss inflicted upon Persia as a result."

Lake Huleh Level Down As New Dam Is Opened

TIBERIAS, Monday. — About one-fifth of Lake Huleh has been drained off mainly as a result of the opening of the dam above the new section of the river bed just south of the Lake.

It is estimated that 8m. cubic metres, of the total of 22m. has flowed down the straight new river bed, lowering the water level.

As a result, a strip of land, varying in width between 50 and 100 metres has emerged on the eastern and western shores.

The northern Jordan, flowing into the Huleh, has become shallower, making navigation possible only for very small boats. Hulata's new jetty, constructed only a year ago, no longer reaches the water, and is now beyond reach for lake vessels. Settlements which drew their water from the Lake and whose pipes did not go far beyond the shore will now have to dig channels in the sea-bed to keep their pipe heads submerged. Fishermen, however, are pleased, as they now find their catches in greater concentrations in the smaller lake. No objects of archaeological interest have been discovered yet.

When the dam at the Lake's outlet is closed again, to enable some sections of the river bed to the south to be deepened, the Lake will rise again, but not to its former level.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The new U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. Robert Lovett, told the American Legion in Miami yesterday that the new "super weapons of the U.S. are not yet ready for fighting and winning wars."

British Made Great Error, Grady Says

WASHINGTON, Monday (AP). — Mr. Henry F. Grady, former U.S. Ambassador to Persia, said today he thinks Britain made a great mistake in taking the Anglo-Persian oil dispute to the U.N.

"I think the British have given Mr. Mossadeq the chance of a great forum to tell the world how this oil company has oppressed the Persian people and how Western capitalism is tending to control and possibly destroy other countries in underdeveloped parts of the world," he said.

Mr. Grady's views were expressed in an interview with the magazine "U.S. News and World Report."

The former ambassador was a central figure in several Teheran oil conferences. He criticized Britain for breaking off negotiations and for a strategy which, he said, was aimed at pushing Mossadeq out of power. This, along with moving the oil controversy to the U.N., solidified Persia behind Mossadeq, he claimed.

However, Mr. Grady said, he thinks Mossadeq is opposed to Communism.

3 Bombs Exploded In Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, Monday (Reuter).—Three bombs rocked the residential district of Buenos Aires on Saturday blowing in windows of the Supreme Council of Armed Forces Headquarters and the private residence of its president, General Francisco Reynolds, it was officially admitted today.

General Reynolds presided over the Council when it imposed prison sentences up to 15 years and cashiered scores of officers involved in an anti-government plot on September 28.

No Casualties

A police communique issued later said no casualties were reported. It added: "The materials employed are similar to those used in the bombs exploded in June, 1949 in front of the Uruguayan Embassy and in August, 1951 at the headquarters of the Workers Federation (CGT).

"First investigations have ascertained that the object of the outrages was to intimidate and create unrest. There can be no doubt that they originate with the same people who engineered the unspeakable subversive plot of September 28."

It was believed two of the bombs exploded at the Council Headquarters and one at General Reynold's residence.

5 New Swimming Records Set by Brit Maccabi Atid

HAIFA, Monday.—Five new swimming records were set up here today, in the Israel swimming championships. All record-breakers at the Bat Galim pool, were members of the Brit Maccabi Atid.

The 4X200 metres free style men's relay was won by Brit Maccabi Atid in 10:14.5 mins., breaking Maccabi Haifa's previous record of 10:31 set up in 1940.

The 400 metres boys' free style was won by Gabriel Nist, in 5:37.9 (previous record 5:42.9). The girls' 3X100 metres free style relay was won by B.M.A. in 4:51.2 (previous record 5:01.4). The 100 metres girls' free style was won by 13-year-old Shoshana Ribner in 1:19.7 (previous 1.22.9). The 100 metres girls' back race was won by Safia Garbi, in 1:41.8 (previous 1:42.5).

A number of clubs took part in the competition, but Brit Maccabi Atid took nearly all races.

The competition was followed by a water polo match in which Brit Maccabi Atid beat Maccabi Haifa, 5:3.

Two of Sweden's best swimmers arrived in Israel by BOAC today, to take part in the cross-Kinneret swim from Ein Gev to Tiberias next Thursday. They are Lars Bertin Wurle and Erik Martin.

Wurle, who is 21, is regarded as the top Scandinavian long-distance swimmer. He came in eighth in last month's mass cross-Channel swim, finishing in 13 hours 28 minutes. He is also one of the few persons to swim from Sweden to Denmark.

Erik Martin, 40, has specialised in long-distance cold temperature swimming. He is Sweden's third best swimmer and crossed the Baltic in four hours, 40 minutes, at a water temperature of 4 degrees Centigrade.

NATO Acts To Admit Turkey And Greece

LONDON, Monday (AP). — The 12 Atlantic Allies cleared the way today for extending their defence pact to Russia's borders and over the whole Mediterranean by arranging for the admission of Greece and Turkey.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) issued the text of a protocol or supplementary agreement. After it is signed and sealed by all 14 nations concerned it will:

- Bring Greece and Turkey into full membership of the alliance.
- Extend the area of the Allies' commitment to help any NATO members who might be attacked.

By amending the terms of the original alliance, the protocol will push the Allies' area of responsibility over a big new portion of Europe and over the whole Mediterranean.

Greece Not Named

NATO deputies are expected to sign the protocol sometime next week after all their governments have endorsed it. It will come into force after its subsequent formal ratification by the parliaments of the states concerned.

Any attack on any part of Turkey will be considered an attack on the NATO countries, according to the protocol to the present treaty shortly to come into force.

There was no immediate explanation from a NATO spokesman why Greece had not been specifically named in the proposed amendment. It may be because her territory was included in the Allies' area of responsibility under the original territorial definitions.

No Progress At Truce Talks

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter).—U.N. and Communist liaison officers at a three-hour meeting at Panmunjom today made little progress towards resumption of armistice talks, according to a U.N. statement. Communist sources agreed no progress was made.

The liaison talks have stalled on what observers consider the only point outstanding before the truce talks at delegation level can be continued, the extent and definition of the new neutral zone.

Yesterday General Matthew Ridgway announced that the U.N. accepted responsibility for two strafing attacks on the neutral zone on Friday.

U.N. liaison officer Brigadier General William Nuchols said the United Nations had rejected yesterday's Communist proposal of a "restricted circular area" of 3,000 metres around Allied headquarters at Munsan.

"This is obviously a position which properly we must refuse to accept," he said.

The U.N. statement said the Communists also continued "to refuse to recognize the possibility that participants acting independently could operate in the zone without instructions from the U.N. Command.

West to Investigate Germany for Elections

BONN, Monday (Reuter). — Britain, France and the U.S. are to propose a U.N. investigation throughout Germany to see if suitable conditions existed for free elections.

The three Western High Commissioners sent a note to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today saying they would make this proposal to the U.N. at the first suitable opportunity.

They said they considered only by such means could it be satisfactorily determined whether conditions existed in the whole of Germany which would make the holding of general elections a practical matter.

NEW OFFER FROM EAST GERMANY

BERLIN, Monday (Reuter). — East Germany today reinforced her appeal for all-German unity by an offer of economic benefits for West German businessmen and unemployed alike.

One month after East German Premier Otto Grotewohl's demand for all-German unity talks to which the West German Government is to give a reply on Wednesday, East Germany offered to help to wipe out West Germany's considerable unemployment by securing big trade orders from the Soviet Union, East European states in the Soviet orbit, and China.

Heinrich Rau, East German Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the State Planning Commission said: "Negotiations can begin immediately."

He invited West Germany to "test the honesty of our proposals."

Egypt Rejects 4-Power Bid; Abrogation Passed

British Offer on Base

CAIRO, Monday. — Both Houses of the Egyptian Parliament tonight unanimously approved the abrogation of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and the 1899 Sudan Condominium. They also heard the Minister of the Interior, Fuad Siraj e-Din, announce the Government's categoric rejection of the four-power invitation to Egypt to join the Middle East Defence Command and of Britain's new five-point plan on the Sudan.

King Farouk is to sign the decrees later tonight. They will be published in tomorrow's Official Gazette, making them law.

A formal reply to the four-power invitation, believed to contain the rejection, was sent by special messenger to the British Embassy here today.

The invitation, handed to Egypt on Saturday by the U.S., Britain, France and Turkey, disclosed Britain's willingness to hand over her Suez Canal base providing it simultaneously became an Allied base in the new Middle East Defence Command, under control of all the founder members.

At the same time, however, Britain made it clear she would not agree to any annexation of the Sudan without prior consultation and expressed willingness of the Sudanese people, and suggested instead an International Commission to work toward granting independence to the Sudan. The text of the British version of the four-power invitation and of the Draft on Sudan was released by the British Embassy here yesterday. (See Page 3 for texts).

Details of the reply sent to the British Embassy had not been released today, but informed sources said it rejected the invitation as falling short of Egypt's "national aspirations"; the complete and immediate evacuation of British troops from the Canal zone, and the unity of the Nile Valley under the Egyptian Crown.

Clash Reported

Parliament tonight also approved in principle but postponed for action further bills which would proclaim Farouk King of Egypt and the Sudan and weld the Sudan to Egypt under a special constitution, parliament and cabinet responsible to Farouk. But its unanimous vote abrogating the treaty was one of the quickest in Egypt's history.

Observers here did not expect that Egypt would take direct action to expel British troops from the Canal zone, but thought it likely that the Government would proclaim it treason for any Egyptian to cooperate with the British troops.

A British military spokesman today denied Egyptian press reports that an Egyptian "mass-pronged resistance battalion" and British troops had clashed near Kassassin in the Canal zone, but later admitted a British military truck driven by a Sudanese civilian and accompanied by a British corporal were involved in "an incident with Egyptians" in the area. Press reports said a British truck driver was seriously wounded and his companion killed.

The papers claimed that after the killing some 150 British troops surrounded the village in which the incident had occurred and opened fire at its inhabitants, who returned the fire and forced the troops to flee.

The papers added that a number of their correspondents had already left for "the battle area in the Canal zone, where the Egyptian people were fighting the occupying troops."

Afternoon papers also announced that the telephone line between Cairo and British Middle East Land Headquarters would be cut tomorrow.

(AP, Reuter)

Sudan Governor Warns Egypt

KHARTOUM, Monday, (Reuter). — The Governor-General of the Sudan warned in a statement today that any attempt at outside interference with the administration of the Sudan would be resisted.

The Governor-General, Sir Robert Howe had just returned to the Sudan after flying from Britain on Friday, cutting a routine leave short because of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty dispute.

West to Proceed Without Cairo

LONDON, Monday. — While the State Department in Washington formally expressed its "regret" at Egypt's rejection of the invitation to join the Middle East Command today, official circles here, in Washington and in Paris agreed that the powers would go ahead with their plans to establish the Command.

A Foreign Office spokesman here said that Britain regards the invitation as being at present still open, but unofficial sources added that one inevitable result of Egyptian refusal will be the reviewing of the possibility of bringing Israel into the Command. So far, they admitted, this possibility had been excluded, but Egypt's refusal would mean a fundamental change in the situation.

At the same time, the Foreign Office again stressed that Britain will stand on her treaty rights despite the Egyptian abrogation, which it cannot recognize as legally valid.

This statement was taken to imply that Britain would maintain the existing garrison in the Canal zone despite Egyptian pressure, and will continue the existing administration of the Sudan under its British Governor-General.

Nevertheless, if Egypt remains outside the new Command, its headquarters will of course not be in Egypt, and it is understood in London that an alternative base has already been agreed upon.

In these circumstances, British sources say, the Canal base would be retained by Britain as a sole British responsibility and not converted into an international Allied responsibility.

In Paris, French circles described the Egyptian rejection as "deplorable but not surprising in view of the atmosphere now existing in Egypt."

Davis Sees Ben Gurion on Egypt

TEL AVIV, Monday.—The U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Monnet B. Davis, called, at his own request, at Mr. Ben Gurion's Tel Aviv residence this evening, for an exchange of views and information on the Western offer to Egypt to become a founder member of METO.

It is learned that Mr. Davis sought Mr. Ben Gurion's reaction to the situation, while the Prime Minister asked for an elucidation of the U.S. position. There are understood to be no further developments as far as Israel is concerned.

Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Foreign Minister, is expected to leave New York on Oct. 17, on his return to Israel.

Nosrat In France: To Visit Arms Plants

Mustafa Nosrat, the Egyptian War Minister, arrived in Paris yesterday. It is expected he will visit arms factories there.

He arrived from Stockholm where, according to a Reuter report, he spent a week touring Swedish arms plants. Reuter also reports the Swedish Defence Minister, Mr. Torsten Nilsson, as stating yesterday that Mustapha Nosrat had asked him to delay Swedish orders from the Bofors armaments factories to speed Egyptian orders. Mr. Nilsson added that it was absolutely impossible to meet the request.

Success of Negotiations Depends on U.S. Support

By George Lichtheim
POST Correspondent

LONDON, Monday. — The three power demarche in Tel Aviv was prominently reported yesterday only by "The Observer." The same paper in an article by a special correspondent draws attention to Israel's financial difficulties and suggests that if collapse is to be avoided, Mr. Ben Gurion's government will shortly have to apply for membership of the Western Bloc.

The incongruousness of this suggestion coming at a moment when the Western powers (as forecast in this space recently) have just announced their inability to include Israel in their defence setup is apparently not perceived.

The fact is that Israel can enter the Atlantic Bloc only through NATO, but there is at present no inclination here to draw a distinction between Israel as a European country and her Arab neighbours as belonging to the Middle East. Possibly the Israel Government would have to place more emphasis on the country's ties with Greece and Italy instead of forever stressing its Oriental affiliations, which have left the public here under the impression that Israel, Jordan and Syria are all very much the same thing.

Suspicion of Israel

Some days ago a prominent Conservative, Sir Stanley Reed, told an election meeting that Israel was secretly backing Egypt against Britain, a suspicion which could not have arisen if Israel's spokesmen took more trouble to explain where they stand.

The initiative in asking Egypt to become a founder member of the projected five-power Middle Eastern Command—there is no longer any talk of a separate treaty organization, so the Command will presumably be under NATO control — is now said to have come partly from the Americans and partly from the Turks. The latter are not merely anxious to maintain their links with the Arabs but also reluctant to place their forces under British control. The proposed international command offers them a way out.

Nobody here believes that Cairo will accept the proposals as they stand, but there is hope that Egypt will eventually come in after indulging in some further anti-British rodomontades, especially if Washington lends no covert support to Egyptian claims in the Sudan.

Playing the Broker

For the moment there is relatively firm American backing of the British position, but Washington seems determined to play the broker and the smallest wavering is expected to result in the promised Egyptian campaign of terrorism against the British Forces in the Canal Zone — already begun on a small scale.

The only solid support for Britain comes from the French who are worried about North Africa and determined to meet force with force.

If and when Egypt climbs off the fence the other Arab states will be invited to associate themselves with the new organization, though in a more subordinate capacity. Thereafter an attempt is to be made to improve their relations with Israel. The Paris conference attracts no attention here and its doings are no longer even reported.

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Social & Personal

Mrs. Vera Weizmann last week visited Youth Aliya institutions in Jerusalem. She was escorted by Mr. Moshe Kol, Director of the Youth Aliya Department of the Jewish Agency.

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Mr. P. Naphtali, Minister without Portfolio, and Prof. S. Sambursky, Director of the Research Council of Israel in the Prime Minister's Office, will participate in the first session of the three-day symposium on "Savings in Building" to be opened at 4.30 this afternoon at the Bert Katzenelson Institute in Kfar Saba. Representatives of all parts of the building industry are expected to take part in the symposium which is being sponsored by the Research Council.

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Col. J.R. Elyashar, President of the American Technion Society, has arrived in Haifa to discuss plans for the expansion of the Hebrew Institute of Technology.

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Professor Richard Z. Tylor, of the Sanitary Engineering Department of the University of Washington, and member of the World Health Organization team visiting Israel, will give two lectures at the Hebrew Institute of Technology, Haifa, on "Problems of Sanitation and Water Supply" and "Treatment of Sewage and Industrial Waste, particularly in Israel," tomorrow and Thursday, at 8 p.m. Both lectures will be illustrated by films.

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BIRTH

WOLLHEIM — To Regina (nee Havilio), wife of Mr. Avner Wollheim, at the Imahut Hospital, Haifa, on October 11, 1951, a daughter, Dorith.

Galilee Mukhtar Granted Order

Hassan Aslan, Mukhtar of Umm el-Faraj village, near Nahariya, was granted an order nisi in the High Court on Friday, after accusing the Treasury of expropriating eight dunams of centrally located land in the village despite the fact that a dispute with the Custodian of Absentee Property over the land had been put up to the Haifa District Court and is still pending.

The Mukhtar claimed that the land was confiscated in order to pressure the villagers to leave. He also stated that he had been informed the land was to become part of the neighbouring settlement of Ben Ami.

On Election Day, the mukhtar declared, residents of Ben Ami chopped down 150 trees and had also been on the point of demolishing his house in order to make way for a road, which the applicant stated, is not a necessity to the settlement.

Represented by Mr. G. Tshernziak, the Mukhtar had at that time obtained an interim order to prevent further action against his lands until the Court came to a final decision. The Court was composed of Justices Olshan, Agranat and Shereshevsky.

'Miracle Drug' Proves Evil Genie

PARIS, Monday, (UP). — Housepainter Robert Cornillaud grew panicky when he heard that the "miracle drug" he had stolen from a laboratory could "wipe out a fair-sized city." He wrapped a rag around the stolen bottle, held his breath and poured the contents into the sink of his Paris home.

The result was terrifying. A geyser of spongy, sticky foam bubbled almost ceiling high. The seething mass of fungus spread through the room. In consternation he turned on the water faucet. That made things worse.

As the mass grew bigger Robert grabbed a shovel and began heaving it through the back window. Astonished neighbours saw it on the street and called the police.

The room was sealed off today and Cornillaud, 27, was charged with having stolen $22,000 worth of dihydrostreptomycine. He said he had hoped to sell it to pay for his wife's doctor bills until he heard someone describe it as a deadly poison.

Transportation and General Public Come In for Tourist Criticism

Of 714 tourists interviewed regarding their visit here during 5711, a total of 36—16 from Europe, 11 from the U.S., and nine from other countries — expressed their intention of settling here. Forty-four of the questionnaires were answered in Hebrew.

These figures were the results of a survey of visitors to Israel conducted by the Government Tourist Department. Of the entire group, 223 (45 per cent) had no criticism to offer; 385 (31 per cent) expressed mixed reactions, tempering enthusiasm with criticism; 26 (four per cent) were completley negative in their responses.

Criticism was divided into four categories: of the general public and its services (197 remarks, or 52 per cent); concern regarding the Government's arrangements for tourists (145 remarks, or 39 per cent); reactions to the cost of living (25 remarks, or seven per cent); and comment on religious matters (nine remarks, or 2 per cent).

The lion's share of complaints against the general public was concerned with transport and general behaviour.

"It is not the shortage of vehicles of which I speak, but of the sort of service and the attitude toward the public," one tourist wrote. Another stated that "there is more ill-mannered conduct per square metre of this country than in any other place in the world." "Queues, or rather the bedlam of flailing elbows that constitute a queue, got under the tourists' skins (or their ribs) as did "the shocking fact that I got fine service so long as I spoke English — which was not the case when I switched to Hebrew."

Hotel workers came in for their share of lambasting, as did dirt: "For God's sake," said one, "I know there's a shortage of victuals but cleanliness doesn't take foreign currency!"

Dissatisfaction regarding tourist arrangements centred about the thorough searching at the customs. The cost of living plaints had nothing to do with Marxian economics or income tax, but struck directly at the exchange rate: "The 25 per cent reduction offered by the Tourist Bureau is still unsatisfactory if we consider the real value of the dollar as compared with the Israel Pound." One wrote that "only a rich man can indulge in a visit to Israel."

Opinions on the food varied. On May 11, 1951, a British tourist wrote, "The food is atrocious," while on August 12, after the inauguration of tourist meals, an American visitor commented, "They overstuffed us." Another American noted that "it is unpleasant for me, to be considered a tourist, and to benefit from special meals."

Some critics of religious life in Israel found too much compulsion — others shockingly little.

Comparing the relative numbers of complaints in various areas in 5710 as against those in 5711, the Department found the following:

Complaints	5710 per cent	5711 per cent
Transport	13	17
General Manners	9	15
Customs and border procedure	10	15
Hotel service	9	7
Service in Government Offices	14	7
Cleanliness	11	7
Conduct of Government employees	3	2

On the credit side, tourists were most impressed with the accomplishments in immigration and absorption, the natural beauty of the land ("When bitterness rises in the heart, one need only look at the Jerusalem Road to feel better), and the kibbutzim ("The people of the kibbutz have created a new and beautiful way of life, which exalts man's spirit and brings happiness to children.")

One tourist was startled to find that "Israel is like other countries"; another that "here good and bad, great and little exist in greater proximity than in any other place in the world."

NEW SUEZ BYPASS OPEN NOV. 1

ALEXANDRIA, Monday, (Reuter). — King Farouk will open the Suez Canal new bypass on November 1 from his Royal yacht, Farha El Bihar, it has been officially announced.

The new waterway, bearing the King's name is 12 kms. long and of the same dimensions as the main canal. Five French engineers, 70 Dutch technicians and 500 Egyptian labourers using modern machinery from Germany, Holland and the United States completed cutting it in 15 months.

It will accelerate the flow of traffic from Suez for those ships travelling northwards, while ships travelling south from Port Said will keep to the original Canal.

In the past, north and southbound convoys could cross only in the Zazat Bitter Lakes, south of Ismailia, (two thirds of the way from Port Said.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: — Yosef, Mahane Yehuda, 3781. Rehavia, 22 Usishkin, 4703.

TEL AVIV: — Breiman, 56 Allenby, 2252. Bilsky, 1 Dizengoff Sq., 2081. Kitlwitz, 22 Hayarkon, 3908. Hazalil, 80 Ben Yehuda, 2358. Hadassah, Hatikva Qu. Noga, 3 Rehov 286 (Jaffa), near Nogs Cinema, 80426. **RAMAT GAN:** Herzl, 54 Herzl. **GIVATAYIM:** Briut, 7 Syrkin.

HAIFA: — (Daytime): Geula, 12 Herzon, 4854. Har'fua, 61 Hehalutz, 2277. Hehalutz, 13 Hehalutz Herzl, 47 Herzl, 3092. Herzlia, 1 Herzlia, 4094. Massada, 20 Massada, 2957. Pevsner, 27 Pevsner, 4073. Rambam, 29 Arlosoroff, 2074. Zohar, 3 Arlosoroff, 3582. (Evening): Pevsner, 27 Pevsner, 4073. Hagalil, 19 Allenby, **KIRYAT MOTZKIN:** Shomron, 7202.

Israel Supplement Of 'Daily Mail'

The Continental "Daily Mail" published a special eight-page Israel Supplement last month. It was profusely illustrated with photographs of Israel and her personalities, including President Weizmann, Prime Minister Ben Gurion, and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

In a special article on the Prime Minister, the "Daily Mail" described him as "a realpolitiker" and gave him the credit for the present scale of immigration. The issue, which included contributions by Mr. M. Bartur, Deputy Director of the Economic Division of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, and Sgan-Aluf M. Pearlman, dealt with a broad panorama of Israel life.

The paper describes immigration in an article, entitled "Population Grows at 1,000 a Day" as being not incidental to Israel life but the "chief purpose and function of the State itself."

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

8-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Romema.

9-1; 2-5: Exhibitions: Paitings and drawings by Adolphe Milich; British Book Design 1951, Exhibit of the Month; Illuminated Mahsor, 15th century, Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of Works by L. Schwerin and Paintings "Elath and Safad" by M. Lender; Artists' House.

11-1; 5-7: Exhibition of Children's Paintings; Israel Touring Club, Talbieh.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

8.45 p.m.: "Magic and Music: Yoki's Variety Theatre, 14 Dizengoff Square.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library—Central Synagogue Bld., Rehov Gilad.

8 a.m.-8 p.m.: Marc Chagall Exhibition, Town Hall, (Conducted tours).

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 48.9, 33.58 522 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; **English:** 2 and 10.15 p.m.; **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; **French:** 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. **6.35** Exercises. **6.45** Musical Clock (R). **7.15** Melodies. **7.45** Oriental Music: R. Amar. **8.50** Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert. **10.30** Variety. **11.00** "Opera Hour." **12.00** Break for Music (R). **12.50** Consumer's Cooperatives. **13.30** Programme for Hospitals. **1.00** Soldiers' Programme: Requests. **1.45** Housewives' Corner. **2.15** Close Down.

4.00 p.m. International Football Match — "Hapoel" — "All Stars" (Relayed from the Ramat Gan Stadium). **4.15** "News in the Arab World" by G. Weigert. **6.30** Children's Hour. **7.00** "Recreation Programme": by M. Aksetz. **7.45** Bible Reading. **8.00** Soldiers' Programme. **8.45** Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor: Karl Rankl: Overture "The Bartered Bride" (Smetana); "Verklärte Nacht" (Schonberg). **9.30** Guest Talk. **9.45** "Naim Emirot Israel" Choir, Conductor: R. Amar. **10.30** Requests. (R). **11.15** Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour: (31.2 M.): **6.30 p.m. French; 7.00 p.m. Ladino; 7.30 p.m. Yiddish; 8.00 p.m. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.**

Kol Zion Lagola (32.3 m.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 24.92 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 Visitors' Corner. 7.50 Book Review.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (200, 325 & 44.6 M.): 4.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 4.35 I.A.F. Band. 7.00 Infantry Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Works by Beethoven. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.45 Sketch. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9—9.30 p.m. (13.83, 16.85, 19.90 & 19.73 M. from U.S.A. 31.20 & 41.28 M. from Tangiers).

UNITED NATIONS: Hebrew Programme: 8.15 a.m. (25.27 m. and 29.89 m.).

Danger of Malaria In Jordan Valley

Camping trips to the Jordan Valley, and even overnight visits to the area, should be avoided during this month and next, owing to the danger of malaria, the Ministry of Health stated in Jerusalem recently.

It was added that malaria is always most prevalent during October and November, and that most of the cases reported thus far this year have been of the tropical type.

At the Cinema

EUGENE Sue's "Les Mysteres de Paris" (Arnon, Jerusalem) made journalistic history, after being the first novel-feuilleton, serialized in a newspaper and later dramatized. Suppressed by the censor just a century ago, it is a highly romantic adventure with a Montmartre background. Directed by Jacques Baronelli, the 1943 Paris screen version stars Marcel Herrand; Yoland Laffon, Alexander Rignault and Lucien Coedel. The score is by Robert Casadesus.

Dog's Life

THE Arnon is also presenting another Jerusalem premiere, "Challenge to Lassie." It's a dog's life in historical perspective, although it shouldn't happen to a dog. The Scottish law required that a dog without an owner be killed after its master's death. Lassie is hidden by soldiers, goes underground during the night and is finally adopted by some children after a court proceeding. The cast includes Edmund Gwenn, Donald Crisp and Geraldine Brooks.

Swingy Shorts

CONTRARY to the billing, Kolon-Geva's Technicolor Dalia film: "They Danced Until Dawn" was not shown during the Edison's special matinee but no one felt too disappointed, for no less than eight Walter Lantz cartoon shorts were shown and they were enjoyed by everybody young in heart. There were swing symphonies, like the side-splitting overtures to "William Tell" and "Poet and Peasant" and a "swingtette" featuring Woody Woodpecker. A well of rejuvenation, indeed.

It Happened in Sun Valley

"THE Duchess of Idaho" (Eden) is a carefree musical done with zest and polish by Joe Pasternak. John Lund, young and wealthy, has a "railroad and a lovely secretary Ellen (Paula Raymond). Far from being a gold digger, she is "so in love" with her boss, though he doesn't know it. She has a roommate, an Aquacade star, Esther Williams, who is determined to bring them together. By a not so strange coincidence, they meet in Sun Valley. And so it goes. The highlight is a water ballet, starring our bathing beauty, with a dozen of the film's male partners. Quite original is the "Potato Dance" championship for the title of the Duchess of Idaho, marvellously executed by Esther and Van Johnson, who is decidedly more sympathetic and competent than in previous films. Last, but not least, there are two exquisite guest stars: Lena Horne and Eleanor Powell. Sig Arno acts as the manager.

FRANGO

Jerusalem Cinemas

ARNON: Mystery of Paris (3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.).
EDEN: Duchess of Idaho (also at 10.30 a.m.).
EDISON: Song of Scheherazade (2.30, 7 & 9 p.m.).
ORION: Yiddle With the Fiddle (2, 7 & 9 p.m.).
SEMADAR: Malayaka Fi Jihanan (7 & 9 p.m.).
STUDIO: The Wizard of Oz (10.30 a.m.; 2, 5, 7 & 9 p.m.).
ZION: Last of The Buccaneers (3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.).

Haifa Cinema

at 8.15 p.m.
GAN YAM: Two Mrs. Carrols.

Uruguay Entering Olympics

By Francisco Diaz

MONTEVIDEO, (UP). — In the next Olympic games at Helsinki, Uruguay, will be represented for the first time in the classical marathon event, the stamina test for which the athlete has to be in peak condition.

Oscar Moreira, Juan Gao, Antonio Yanezeck and Gilberto Sanchez, make up the national quartet that will wear the classical sky-blue singlet, and Uruguayan sport will rely on their showing to maintain their new prestige.

The four men are at present very fit and improving steadily. They have made a training schedule based on knowledge gained from recent performances in several South American countries.

In individual order and without under-estimating his team-mates, Juan Gao, the popular 'Gamo' (lanky) as he is called by his numerous fans, will be the local favourite. In a few years he has reached the pedestal of sporting "idols." Indicating his international possibilities, just a year ago he mastered the Argentine Olympic Champion Delfor Cabrera in a dramatic finish in the Buenos Aires' Barrios Dilucidada Marathon.

After World Title

Since that memorable performance, Juan Gao has maintained his position as a stayer, which he is still trying to improve so as to arrive in Finland in the best possible condition. Gao with Oscar Moreira, Antonio Yanezeck and Gilberto Sanchez have long stretches every week at the official athletic track, taking part in whatever competition the authorities suggest. They all have the perfect physique for this kind of competition, tall, thin, muscular with long strides, and they have one object only in mind: to obtain for Uruguay a world title at the Olympic games at Helsinki.

The sporting critics, enthused by their performances and times clocked during training, encourage them almost daily to continue their efforts so that they may bring new laurels to Rio de la Plata as did the Argentine's Juan Zabala, at Los Angeles, in 1932, and Delfor Cabrera more recently at London.

Tommy McGovern, British lightweight boxing champion, has been selected by the European Boxing Union to fight Finland's Elis Ask, the holder, for the European lightweight crown.

ALL-STARS OPENING MATCH

The touring American All-Stars soccer side open their programme today with a game against their hosts, Tel Aviv Hapoel, in the Ramat Gan stadium pitch. Kick-off at 3.15 p.m. This is the first visit an American soccer side has made to Israel. The game is to be broadcast in full by Kol Yisrael.

Tantieme Clinches Grand Prix Again

Francois Dupres Tantieme recently won Europe's richest horse race, the Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe, for the second year in a row. Tantieme beat the Italian entry Muccio, by two lengths, with M. Strasburger's Le Tyrol, a further length away, third.

This was the fourth time in 30 years that the classic 2,400 metre race at Longchamps had produced a double winner. Ksar did it in 1921 and 1922. Motrico in 1930 and 1932, and Corrida in 1936 and 1937. Jockey Jacques Doyasbere, who whipped the four-year-old favourite home this year, did the same trick last.

The winner's time was 2 minutes 32.84 seconds compared to last year's winning time of 2:34.32. Tantieme's victory also meant a fortune of 60 m. francs (IL.60,000,) in the sweepstake lottery held in connection with the race.

Crowd On Its Feet

Tantieme held back most of the way but broke out near the finish, in a magnificent spurt which brought the crowd to its feet. Marcel Boussac's Phare took the lead at the start and held it most of the way, but going it on the stretch failed miserably and did not even finish in the money.

Tantieme, 4-y-o son of Deuzpour Cent and Terka paid 27 francs to 10, and 17 to 10 to place, and took 25m. francs (IL.25,000) for first place. The 20 entries included British, Italian and Irish horses but none got into the money except the Italian.

Several U.S. Congressmen have recently been critical of the handling of leading boxing matches in America by the International Boxing Club, of New York. Some Congressmen maintained that fighters not associated with the I.B.C. have a hard time getting title fights, since most championship bouts are held under I.B.C. sponsorship in New York.

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A Danish squash rackets team is scheduled to make a short tour of Britain in November. The Danes will play in Scotland, in Edinburgh, November 12, and England in London, two days later.

STOCK MARKET

LONDON

OCTOBER	10	11
2½% Consols	66	66
3½% War Loan	87½	87-11/16
6½% Brazil "B"	83	82
6% Japan	73	72½
Anglo-Iranian Oil	113/1½	112/6
Ashanti Goldfields	31/1½	31/7½
Brakpan	20/7½	20/9
British Aluminium	44/9	45/3
Burmah Oil	65/7½	65/7½
Carreras "A"	136/3	136/3
Consol. Zinc	36/3	36/3
Courtaulds Ord.	53/-	52/6
De Beers Pref.	16½	16½
Dunlop Ord.	68/6	68/3
Gen. Electric Ord.	97/6	98
General Mining	6-5/32	6¼
Hudson Bay	158/3	158/9
I.C.I.	52/4½	52/6
Jerusalem Electric	8/9	8/9
Marks & Spencer	100/7½cc	100/4½
Mexican Eagles	28/-	28/-
Morris Mot.	40/9	40/10½
North Broken Hill	82/6	83/1½
Pal. Electric	19/3	19/3
Rhokana Corp.	24/-	24/-
Selection Trust	83/7½	84/3
Shell Transport	98/1½	98/1½
Simmer & Jack	6/10½	6/10½
Sub Nigel	3-3/16	3-3/16
Tate & Lyle	66/-	65/9
Vickers Ord.	51/9	52/3
Viak Fontein	18/9	18/9

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SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON SUNDAY

Memphis, Br., gen. cargo. **Resi**, It., gen. cargo. **Rosario**, It., bay. **Remembist**, Is., wood, prefab. houses. **Bantas**, Tur., passengers. **Kapitanegla**, Tur., wood. **Fides**, It., dura. **Bucyrus Victory**, U.S., waiting to offload. **Henrietta Smold**, Is., gen. cargo. **Elath**, Is., wood, gen. cargo. **Otto Rauck**, Sw., wood. **Nordanland**, Sw., gen. cargo. **Nurfan**, Tur., gen. cargo. **Erkan**, Tur., bones. **Emilia Madre**, It., salvaged iron. **Lulu**, But., waiting to offload. **San Michele**, It., flour. **Steel Inventor**, Brit., gen. cargo, mail. **Vera**, It., sugar. **Astilabe**, Turk., maize. **Frankis**, Gr., completed offloading.

SHIPS EXPECTED

14.10 **Aydan**, wood. **Kavras**, plywood. **Salina**, maize. **San Darina**, flour. **Gitano**, gen. cargo. **Pelagosa**, gen. cargo.
15.10 **Daniela Borchard**, gen. cargo, peas.
16.10 **Atlantic**, passengers. **Lamone**, wood.
17.10 **Torne**, seed.
18.10 **Marina III**, beans.
19.10 **Athelbaird**, unbagged cargo. **Britania**, sunflowers, wood.
15-20.10 **Togorat**, wood. **Nil**, plywood.

STATE OF ISRAEL

NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

Courses for X-Ray Nurses and Laboratory Workers

A 2 years' course for X-ray nurses and laboratory workers in the field of chemistry and pathology is about to open at the Government Hospitals at Haifa and Sarafand. Candidates must have at least 10 years' education. Knowledge of Hebrew is essential.

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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	64	11	19	18
Haifa Por	—	17	21	22
Nathanya	60	17	—	22
Tel Aviv Port	67	18	23	23
Lydda Airport	56	14	26	27
Jerusalem	61	13	20	19
Beersheba	—	—	—	—

Forecast: Generally cloudy with occasional showers.

*A) Humidity at 1 p.m. B) Minimum. temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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The traditional "Tag Day" collection of the Jewish National Fund is taking place today.

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Registration for the new Hebrew Ulpan at "Hayoseni" in Talpiot, Jerusalem, has now begun. Additional students are now being accepted at the Naharlya Ulpan in view of the large number of applicants.

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A large quantity of empty sacks was destroyed on Sunday in a fire at a storehouse on Rehov Elath in Tel Aviv.

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Aharon Matmoth, 24, of Tel Aviv's Hatikvah Quarter was arrested on Sunday for attacking a policeman who had detained him on suspicion of riding a stolen bicycle.

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A Sahel Beach jeep was stolen in Migdal Ascalon on Sunday.

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Fines of from IL.5 to IL.20 were imposed by the Petah Tikvah Magistrate's Court on Sunday on 20 drivers who had failed to comply with the Emergency Regulations for the registration of motor vehicles.

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A 17-year-old youth from Jaffa, found in possession of 17 grams of hashish several weeks ago, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by the Chief Magistrate in Tel Aviv on Sunday.

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For the theft of a sewing machine from the Home for the Aged in Bnai Brak, David Yosipovits, 37, of Jaffa, a worker at the Home, was sent to prison for six weeks, by the Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court on Sunday.

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An agricultural exhibition will be opened in the Holon Municipal Garden on Friday afternoon.

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Relatives here of Zionists under arrest in Rumania are asked to communicate immediately with Dr. **Haim Leiber,** Room 31, 41 Rehov Lilienblum, Tel Aviv (4013).

VISITORS TO ELATH

ELATH, Monday (ITIM). — With the approach of cooler weather, the tourist traffic to Israel's most southerly outpost has increased considerably. The "Arkia" company is now flying several special flights a week for tourists, in addition to their normal passenger service. The "Yatour" transport cooperative has placed in service a special vehicle for taking tourists on visits around the Elath area.

"All Star" Team Visits Tel Aviv Municipality

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The American "all star" soccer team which arrived in Israel on Friday, visited the Municipality and the Histadrut Executive here yesterday.

The team members were received at the Histadrut Executive's building at midday by Mr. M. Namir, the Histadrut Secretary-General, and by Mayor I. Rokach at the Municipality. This evening, the players, together with Hapoel officials, were entertained by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monnet B. Davis, at his Ramat Gan residence.

Debacle at Premiere

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Israel premiere of the visiting French revue "Paris 1951" was marred by faulty management this evening, when two performances were scheduled at the Rama Cinema in Ramat Gan. The first began shortly after the advertised time at 7.15, but had not finished by 10.30. Meanwhile, a crowd of about 1,000 ticket holders for the second performance milled around from 9.15, when the second show was supposed to start.

The management told *The Post* that it had not known the performance would last so long and had thought that it would be possible to arrange two performances in one evening.

Ration News

JERUSALEM DISTRICT: — Potatoes: Distribution ends of one kilogram in zones 1, 2, 10 against Yod 52; new ration of 1½ kilograms, zones 1, 2, 4, 5, Kaf 52 Clementines: 150 grams, zones 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, Kaf 1. Grapes: 250 grams, zones 1, 2, 3, 4, children up to 13, Lamed 52 Bananas: 500 grams, zone 4, children up to 13, Lamed 43. Tomatoes: 250 grams, zone 10, Kaf 41.

HAIFA & SAMARIA DISTRICT: Sick persons will receive poultry instead of meat against Het Aleph 3, Het Dalet 15, Het Bet; distribution ends Oct. 30.

Emergency Rulings Needed for Ma'barot

The Jewish Agency must be permitted to take quasi-official emergency relief measures in ma'barot, Mr. Yehuda Braginsky recommended at a meeting of the Agency Executive in Jerusalem on Sunday. Government legislation or decrees for such steps should be sought wherever possible, he added.

The recommendation came on the heels of a detailed report on the prewinter situation in the ma'barot by Mr. Giora Josephtal, the director of the Absorption Department. With the onset of the rainy season 60-70,000 persons were still under canvas, Mr. Josephtal described the ma'barot situation as unsatisfactory. The main stumbling block, he said, was the budgetary problem.

Mr. Josephtal noted the help given to ma'barot dwellers by the Army, Youth Aliyah and women's organisations.

At the same meeting, Mr. Elishu Dobkin recommended, in the name of the Wages Committee, that the Executive stand firm on graduation of the Agency's 5,000 employees on a basis of equality with civil servants.

Mr. Berl Locker, Chairman of the Executive, presided.

15 Families Moved From Unsafe House

Fifteen families were moved from the east wing of the Hotel Fast in Jerusalem's old Commercial Centre on Sunday as the first in a series of steps to be taken by the Municipality to avoid a repetition of the Rosh Hashana tragedy when a house collapsed in the Bukharan Quarter, it was announced last night.

The families were transferred to ma'barot and houses placed at the Municipality's disposal by the Jewish Agency. The transfer will be continued today.

Other families are to be moved today from houses in the Yemin Moshe Quarter which are in need of immediate repairs, the Municipality said. The repairs, for which the Municipality has already allocated funds, will be made to the extent that the Director of Supply allocates the required materials, it was said.

Some buildings in the Shama Quarter will be demolished, while others are to be repaired.

Affuleh Bank Robbery Suspect Proves Alibi

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A third suspect in the IL.10,000 Affuleh bank robbery arrested here on Friday was released by police yesterday upon proving an alibi. The suspect, who is under supervision for a criminal offence, had reported to the police on the day of the robbery.

The other suspects will be put in a police lineup tomorrow for identification by eyewitnesses of the robbery.

Student Granted Nisi Order Against Army

Mr. M. Strauss, a Hebrew University student, was granted an order nisi by the High Court on Sunday to investigate why the Army refused to credit him with the 30 days he had served in the Gadna (Army youth battalions).

The applicant had joined the Gadna in 1948 and left shortly before three months had expired. The Army then called on him in 1950 to serve for two years in accordance with the provisions of the compulsory military service law.

Subtracting the period he had spent in the Gadna, the applicant demanded to be released on October 20, 1951. The Army refused without giving reasons.

The Court was composed of Justices Cheshin, Zilberg and Sheresheveky. The applicant appeared for himself.

Ask Identity Cards

In three similar cases, inhabitants of I'billin, near Shafr Amr, and of Shafr Amr itself, were granted orders nisi by the High Court on Thursday after charging that repeated deportations have made it impossible for them to obtain identity cards.

In one case, two shepherds of Shafr Amr complained that they had been put across the border eight times since the Army took over their village.

The applicants, represented by Advocate Mohammed Nimr el Hawari, asked to be registered for identity cards and freed from the threat of deportation. The Court, composed of Justices Cheshin, Zilberg and Sheresheveky also issued interim orders to prevent deportation of the villagers until the final decision is handed down.

Dextran May Replace Blood Plasma

LOS ANGELES, Monday (UP). — Dextran, a sugar derivative, is being tested by U.S. scientists as a substitute for blood plasma, according to Dr. Arne Tiselius, Swedish chemist and president of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. He said dextran is widely accepted in Sweden as a substitute for blood plasma.

HOT BOX

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — Flames emerging from a letter box at the corner of Allenby Road and Rehov Pinsker here yesterday attracted passersby who threw sand inside and put out the fire, but not in time. Postal authorities found that a burning piece of cardboard had been thrown into the box, apparently by children, and had burned half of the 96 letters inside.

Black Market Prices Asked for Ethrogim

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Although ethrogim were being sold openly for as much as IL.2 and IL.3 each in the open market behind the Great Synagogue here shortly before the Succot festival yesterday, no arrests were made by last night. The official price is 430 pruta.

A senior police official of the Economic Department told *The Post* **yesterday that he considered ethrogim a luxury and did not intend arresting any of the profiteers.**

The Economic Police on Friday sent several men in uniform to inspect the stalls, while a few plainclothesmen tested the prices. They reported no instances of overcharging, but several minutes before the arrival of the uniform policemen on Friday, a *POST* reporter was asked IL.3 for an ethrog.

Citrus Check

With the advent of the citrus season, Economic Police yesterday began checking vehicles transporting the fruit illegally.

Early Saturday morning, a half ton of citrus, mostly grapefruits and lemons, were confiscated from a truck driven by a new immigrant from the Ramat Hasharon ma'bara. About another half ton was uncovered while being transported by four other trucks.

Police also discovered quantities of fruit in the possession of ten immigrants in various ma'barot in the Petah Tikva area. Many ma'bara residents have been picking fruit indiscriminately from nearby groves.

Hawkers peddling their wares in the streets of Beersheba were arrested by Economic Police on Sunday morning. They were released with a warning.

STRIKE MAY HURT PILGRIMAGE

The railway strike is expected to cut the number of pilgrims who normally come to Jerusalem from all parts of Israel to ascend Mt. Zion tomorrow during the traditional Succot pilgrimage.

The pilgrims are to meet at the Jerusalem railroad station at 11.30.

This afternoon, the Temple "prayers for the peace of the world," renewed only since the establishment of the State, will be said on the Mount, where a seven-branched candelabrum burns in memory of the 70 sacrifices offered up in the Temple during the Succot devotions.

The first day of the harvest festival passed quietly, though it was chilly for remaining outdoors in Succot which stood in yards, on balconies and roofs.

The public succah at Mt. Zion was visited by large crowds throughout the day.

A few hours before the beginning of succot 1,210 immigrants from Rumania disembarked from the s.s. Transilvania and were at once moved to the Shaar Ha'aliya "B" transit camp at Athlit.

On Wednesday, about 1,000 aged residents of Haifa will be taken on a free excursion to the countryside by about 200 owners of private cars. The trip was organised by the Municipality, the Traffic Police and the Zehirut Association. The Shahar bus company has also offered five buses for the trip. Mr. William Van Leer, Director of the Chimavir Company, offered a small plane for cruises above Haifa, and the Ogen Company a large 80-seat motor boat.

SEEKS CON MAN

BEERSHEBA, Monday (ITIM).—Mr. Moshe Hirschfeld, a 40-year-old licenced dentist practicing here, is now trying to find the 65-year-old confidence man who calls himself "Dr. Hirschfeld," a dentist from Beersheba, and has been using this disguise to borrow money from dentists in the Tel Aviv area.

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Migration Cut Temporary

Immigration during the coming months will be about 8,000 to 10,000 monthly and the rate will rise to 15,000 next summer, Jewish Agency representatives said in Jerusalem last night. The main countries of emigration will be Iran, Rumania and Morocco.

Although between 7,000 and 10,000 Jews have remained in Iraq, the Iraqi exodus is considered over, it was stated. Of the more than 120,000 Iraqi Jews who have arrived since the establishment of the State, more than 110,000 came by special flights costing $70 a person for the Baghdad-Lydda run. The immigrants contributed 15 Iraqi dinars each to the travelling expenses, it was said.

The Iraqi immigration was favourable as regards age distribution, and the percentage of professionals, including doctors and teachers, was far above that among immigrants from other Oriental countries.

Leading Task Of Teachers

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The restoration of the moral standards of the public, which have lately shown signs of deterioration, was the foremost task teachers and parents were called upon to undertake at this moment, according to Dr. B. Ben Yehuda, Director General of the Ministry of Education, who spoke at the opening ceremony of an exhibition organized by the Central Parents' Committee here tonight.

Without moral fortitude and Zionist faith, even foreign currency would be unable to save the State from debacle, he said. Education cannot take place at schools alone, but must be carried out in the children's homes if it is to succeed, Dr. Ben Yehuda called on the parents' committees to work for the spiritual integration into the general framework of the country, of newcomers "who have not yet shaken off the gloom of the Diaspora."

Mayor I. Rokach said he hoped that before the end of this school year enough room would be available for all children of kindergarten age. About 100 schoolrooms are in various stages of construction now, and the system of afternoon classes is expected to end next year.

A.J.C. HITS "INTEFERENCE"

CHICAGO, Monday (UP). — The Executive Committee of the American Jewish Committee yesterday passed a resolution opposing any attempt by organizations "not exclusively American" to interfere with the internal affairs of American Jews.

The committee said it was "clarifying the relationship between American Jewry and the state of Israel," and "reaffirms its creed that America is our home and we are integrated into its social, political and cultural life." They added: "We similarly oppose any attempt of some few American Jews to interfere with the internal affairs of Israel Jews.

(In a message to Mr. Abba Eben from Mr. David Ben Gurion, published in New York last week, the Prime Minister pointed out that Israel represents and speaks only on behalf of its own citizens and in no way presumes to represent or speak in the name of Jews who are citizens of another country).

The A.J.C. resolution was issued yesterday as delegates to a community planning conference for Israel held a separate meeting here in connection with the Israel bond drive. Chicago Jewish organizations pledged $30m. in bond purchases at the conference.

Mr. Moshe Sharett told the group that Israel's security and peace in the Middle East depends on Israel's productive capacity. Increased production, he added, depends on the success of the bond drive in America.

BUS DECISION REACHED

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Histadrut Committee on the Jerusalem-Beersheba bus route dispute met yesterday and reached a decision, details of which are to be published tomorrow morning.

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Text of 4-Power Proposals To Egypt Refused Yesterday

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — The British Embassy in Cairo yesterday released the text of the British version of the four-power proposal to Egypt. After stressing that Britain is at loss to understand Egypt's action in jumping in to abrogate the treaty, and insisting that Britain cannot recognise the legality of such a unilateral abrogation, the note says that nevertheless, with the approval of the U.S., France and Turkey, the British Government would like to put forward the following suggestions.

- Egypt belongs to the free world and hence her defence and that of the Middle East is equally vital to other democratic nations.
- The defence of Egypt can only be assured through the effective defence of the Middle Eastern area, through the coordination of this defence with that of adjacent areas, and by the cooperation of all interested parties.
- It therefore seems desirable to establish an Allied Middle East Command, in which France, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the U.S. have already expressed their willingness to participate. Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa have indicated their interest in the defence of this area and have agreed to the establishment of such a command in principle.
- Egypt is invited to participate as a founder member of the Middle East Command on a basis of equality and partnership with other founder members.

"If Egypt is prepared to cooperate fully in the Allied Command Organisation... His Majesty's Government would for their part be willing to agree to the supercession of the 1936 Treaty and would also be willing to agree to withdraw from Egypt such British forces as are not allocated to the Allied Middle East Command by agreement between the Egyptian Government and the Governments of other countries also participating as founder members in the Allied Middle East Command Organisation."

- Egypt will be expected to make her contribution to the Command as regards troops and military and air bases on the same footing as other participating powers.

A further technical annex to the proposals provided that Egypt would grant the necessary facilities and assistance — including the use of Egyptian ports, airfields and means of communications — to forces of the Middle East Command in the event of war, imminent menace of war, or apprehended national emergency.

- We should also hope that Egypt would agree to the Allied supreme commanders headquarters being located in her territory.

Switch on Base

"In keeping with the spirit of these arrangements," it would also be understood:

- That the present British base in Egypt would be formally handed over to the Egyptians on the understanding that it would simultaneously become an Allied base within the Allied Middle East Command with full Egyptian participation in the running of this base in peace and war:
- The strength of the Allied forces of participating nations to be stationed in Egypt in peacetime would be determined between the participating nations, including Egypt, from time to time as progress is made in building up the forces of the Allied Middle East Command.
- It would also be understood that an Egyptian Air Defence Organization including both Egyptian and Allied forces would be set up under the command of an officer with joint responsibility to the Egyptian Government and the Middle East Command for the protection of Egypt and Allied bases.

Degmont Reburied After 384 Years

BRUSSELS, Monday (Reuter). — Count Lamoral Degmont, the Belgian patriot executed for opposing the Spanish inquisition, has been buried here — for the second time in 384 years.

He was first buried in 1567 in a crypt at Zottegem, near his feudal castle, after the Duke of Alba, the Spanish governor of occupied Belgium, ordered his head cut off for rebelling against the Roman Catholic church. After the Second World War Zottegem villagers decided to build a new crypt more worthy of him.

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Draft On Sudan

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — Britain yesterday also presented a draft statement of common principles which aims at formulating an agreed Anglo-Egyptian statement on the future political development of the Sudan.

The draft said:

Part I

A. In view of the dependence of both Egypt and the Sudan on the waters of the Nile, and in order to ensure the fullest cooperation in expanding the supplies from them and in sharing them, it is essential that the friendliest relations should link the two peoples.

B. It is the common aim of Egypt and Great Britain to enable the people of the Sudan to attain full self-government as soon as practicable and thereafter choose freely for themselves their form of government and the relationship with Egypt that will best meet their needs as they then exist.

C. In view of the wide differences of culture and political development existing among the Sudanese the process of attaining full self-government requires the cooperation of Egypt and the United Kingdom with the Sudanese people.

D. The two governments therefore propose to set up an International Commission to reside in the Sudan in order to watch over the constitutional development of the country and to tender advice to the condomini.

Part II

1. The exact composition of the International Commission referred to above would be a matter for discussion with the Egyptian Government. In his Majesty's Government's view both condomini should participate and, if they would agree to do so, the U.S. Government. Sudanese agreement would have to be obtained in due course to the setting up of such a commission and Sudanese participation would not be excluded.

2. As regards the fixing of the date for Sudanese self-government it is suggested that we should await the report of the Constitutional Commission now at work in the Sudan. On the basis of this report the condomini should try to reach agreement on a date for self-government. There would be a further phase between the achievement of self-government and the determination of the Sudan's final status and relationship with Egypt during which all political factions would have an opportunity to influence the future of the Sudan by normal democratic means.

3. In spite of the mid-partition of the Ashqa Party, the Constitutional Commission may be taken to be broadly representative of political thought in the Sudan.

REJECTED. — The Inter-American Press Association meeting in Montevideo yesterday rejected a recommendation to boycott governments which hinder press liberty on the continent, on the grounds that the public must not be deprived of information about developments in those countries.

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Right Wing Gains In French Voting

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — Moderates and Conservatives, right-wing members of Premier Rene Pleven's coalition, won nearly one-third of the 1,516 seats in France's local elections held yesterday, according to final figures issued early today.

In a swing to the right, the Communists and Socialists suffered heavy losses in departmental assemblies, which administer local affairs. General Charles de Gaulle's French People's Rally (R.P.F.) also made a big advance.

The Moderates and Conservatives registered a total net gain of 342 seats, while the R.P.F. netted 80 new seats. The Communists lost 98 seats and the Socialists 129.

The Ministry of the Interior issued the following tabulation:

Communists: 176 outgoing councillors, 75 elected — 98 losses; Socialists: 417 outgoing councillors, 378 elected — 130 losses; Various left-wing: 69 outgoing, 51 elected — 11 losses; Radicals and Near Radicals: 374 outgoing, 282 elected — 8 gains; Moderates and Conservatives: 338 outgoing, 468 elected — 142 gains; R.P.F.: 70 outgoing, 150 elected — 80 gains.

The gains and losses announced did not give a totally accurate indication of the latest French political trends. This was because comparisons were made with the 1945 departmental elections, when the Socialists and Communists were at the height of their post-war popularity, while the R.P.F. did not exist and the Moderates and Conservatives were weak.

MID-EAST CRISIS STALLS P.C.C.

PARIS, Monday (INA). — The Middle Eastern crisis has resulted in an almost complete suspension of the Palestine peace talks. The Palestine Conciliation Commission met briefly this afternoon in a private session to discuss the current deadlock. It has held no meetings with either the Israel or Arab delegations for ten days.

Some observers here believe the peace talks can make no progress while the situation on the Suez issue remains confused. They find it significant that three of the four powers which offered Egypt participation in the Middle East defence command were those powers which make up the P.C.C. — the U.S., France and Turkey.

Israel sources point out that the attitude of the Arab states, particularly that of Egypt, does not provide any justification for believing they want a peace settlement. These sources feel that U.S. diplomatic action as now asserted in favour of a defensive arrangement with Egypt could successfully be applied in favour of direct Arab-Israel talks which, in turn, would lead to peace in the Middle East.

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BOUGHT. — Israel has purchased 1,000 tons of onions and 5,000 tons of carobs from Cyprus, it was reported in Nicosia yesterday.

Two thousand metric tons of flour had been sold by the Cyprus Government to a private firm for export to Israel. It was reported in Nicosia last night. Half this quantity has already been shipped to Israel.

PRESSMEN. — Non-Communist journalists from all over the world will meet in Brussels next May to form an international trade union federation whose aims will include the safeguarding of the freedom of the Press, a preparatory meeting which ended in Paris Sunday night announced.

Swiss Charge 'McCarthy Agent'

LAUSANNE, Monday (Reuter). — Swiss Communists will testify here today at the Federal Court trial of Mr. Charles Davis, 23-year old American Negro, on charges which include spying on U.S. diplomats in Switzerland for Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin).

The Swiss Federal Prosecutor will charge that Mr. Davis was employed by the Senator, who has accused the U.S. State Department of harbouring Communists, to gather information on the U.S. diplomats' relations with local Communists.

The general charge against Mr. Davis is that he organized a service of political information to the detriment of Switzerland and to the benefit of foreign powers or foreign political parties.

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GERMAN AMENDS

AN eight-point programme of action by the American Jewish Committee deals with the two aspects of Germany's liability to the Jewish people which Chancellor Adenauer and his Parliament have admitted in their pledge to make "moral and material amends." It is not in the least necessary or desirable that the Jewish people should engage in a debate on Germany's moral reorientation. Such gestures as the recent decision to grant pensions to the dependents of those hanged for their alleged part in the plot against Hitler in July, 1944, carry little weight when at the same time neo-Nazism is on the ascendant and public administration, including the judiciary, is entrusted to an increasing number of declared Nazis.

But it is also obvious that, within the framework of Western Defence, the re-instatement of Germany has become a major issue in international politics. Over such questions of global policy we in Israel can exercise little influence. As for any moral issues, there can be no common ground for discussion between Jews and Germans, nor can there be amends for the destruction of a third of our people.

There can be and there must be material amends. One might argue that compensation for the wholesale robbery and expropriation committed by the Nazis and condoned by the German nation should be dictated in a peace treaty between the Allied nations and Germany; but it would be unrealistic to rely on a solution of this kind. There remains then negotiation between creditor and debtor about the amount to be paid in cash or in kind. Such negotiation will have to be conducted without emotion. Since the Western Germans have admitted the debt in principle, and since a system of restitution—a wholly unsatisfactory system, it should be added — has been in process for some time, the first object of negotiations would have to be to determine the procedure to be adopted, the size of the debt, and the manner and guarantee of payment.

As to procedure, it would seem advisable to form a special Board composed of Israel and German delegates, perhaps with the participation of a high-ranking representative of the United Nations. It is obvious that this Board should have its seat outside Germany, preferably in Switzerland. It is equally desirable that the number of principal delegates should be limited to, say, five or seven on each side. Who is to represent the Jewish interests? The logic of history would seem to provide the answer that only the State of Israel has the authority required for this function. Practical considerations, however, will no doubt lead to the inclusion of representatives of leading Jewish organizations.

Whatever the procedure, the next step might come from the Jewish side now that the Germans have opened the door for negotiation. The initiative, it seems, falls to the Government of Israel who should, without delay, convene a small conference for the drafting of a common platform.

WHITHER WELFARE?

THE British elector, like the Israeli a few months ago, finds himself receiving the most civil marks of consideration by the politician. This happy *divertissement* will go on until he has voted. Then the politician will be free to resume the serious business of harrying opponents, the elector to peer through the dust clouds of battle where his lot is being decided by means which would sometimes seem not out of place in a mismanaged zoological garden.

It is noticeable that in this election neither party promises much. Can it be that the second half of the 20th century looks upon promises as cheques proffered by strangers? The promises of technology, for example, lose lustre now that it is easier to operate an electric brain, or fly supersonically, than to get a pair of trousers that will wear really hard; whilst to find a new house is possible only to Africans, content with straw and mud. Perhaps the electors of all lands, seeing where the short cut of technology has led, may ask whether the short cut of politics, or indeed any of the other fashionable short cuts, offers greater hope. This question might have the second half of the century, and make the next one, which we will not see, better than any of its 20 lamentable predecessors.

BUSINESSMEN'S WATCH ON LAKE SUCCESS

INDIA SEEKING FOREIGN CAPITAL

By RAWLE KNOX

NEW DELHI—THE realisation that India intends to support Britain's case against Persia at Lake Success—with the limitation that she recognizes the Persian right to nationalize her oil industry—has greatly heartened foreign businessmen here. The consternation caused in London capital markets by Nehru's statement, at a Press conference last May, that treaties between "colonial" and "backward" nations were unequal and therefore not binding has never been fully realized by the Indian Government. Even when the Indian Premier later sent a message urging caution the damage was not undone.

Though India's National Planning Commission assigns the hero's role in the country's industry to private enterprise, several government moves have made foreign capital extremely cagey. Of these the most important is the Industries Bill which has been before Parliament since 1949 and which the Government now promises to push through before the end of the present session. The bill aims at setting up Development Councils for Industries, with considerable powers.

Recent photograph of Prime Minister Nehru during his election tour of the northern provinces. Express Photo

An Indian Abadan

"Whenever a Development Council finds," said the Minister of Industry and Commerce last month, "that a particular unit of industry does not abide by the conditions imposed upon it or the instructions given to it, the Council will advise that the unit may be taken over by the Government or changes made in its management." Critics of the Bill point out that such appropriation of an industry — for the Bill does not provide for compensation or losses caused by official intervention—would be illegal under Article 31 of the Indian Constitution and indeed would be little different from the Persian action at Abadan.

The foreign business community keeps in mind hopefully another statement of the Minister of Industry that the government does not visualize any administrative interference with private industry, the more so since the present relationship between Government and industry is not unfriendly. Criticism of the recent Indian Companies Act which prevents any change in a managing agency, by no matter what majority of shareholders, until the Government has approved, is far milder. A wave of money, made in the Calcutta black market jute boom, had swept into the shareholdings of public companies and pushed out many respectable managing agencies, to be replaced by barefaced profiteers. The Government's move was timely, but has raised the inevitable suspicion of the champions of free enterprise. The third recent Act which has annoyed business is the Income Tax Amendments Act with its rigid control of expense accounts and extremely tight limitation of dividends.

India needs, and admits she needs, foreign capital. The Colombo plan puts such assistance at over £600,000,000 in the next six years. Present arrangements, apart from the release of rather over £200,000,000 from India's sterling balances, amount to only £8,000,000 (this does not take into account the $100,000,000 American food loan). Foreign businessmen in India, who on the whole bear the Indian Government nothing but good will, hope that India's reaction at Lake Success to Persia's action will show her in better light to the world's capitalists.

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CLOSING THE RING (V) — Churchill's War Memoirs

Staffs and Laughs At Quebec

Mr. Churchill reached Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Aug. 9, 1943. The Quebec Conference ("Quadrant") was to be a series of technical talks between the British and American staffs, punctuated by the plenary sessions attended by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt.

From Aug. 12-14 Mr. Churchill and his youngest daughter, Mary, were the guests of President Roosevelt at his home, Hyde Park.

WE visited the Niagara Falls on the way. The reporters asked me what I thought of them, and gave the following account of our talk: "'I saw them before you were born. I came here first in 1900.' 'Do they look the same?' 'Well,' I replied, 'the principle seems the same. The water still keeps falling over.'"

Harry Hopkins came to Hyde Park. He was obviously invited to please me. He explained to me his altered position. He had declined in the favour of the President. There was a curious incident at luncheon, when he arrived a few minutes late and the President did not even greet him.

It was remarkable how definitely my contacts with the President improved and our affairs moved quicker as Hopkins appeared to regain his influence. In two days it seemed to be like old times. He said to me, "You must know I am not what I was." He had tried too much at once. Even his greatness of spirit broke under his variegated activities.

Invasion Plans

On Aug. 17 the President and Harry Hopkins reached Quebec, and Eden and Brendan Bracken flew in from England. As the delegations gathered further news of Italian peace moves came out to us, and it was under the impression of Italy's approaching surrender that our talks were held.

The first plenary session was held on Aug. 19. Highest strategic priority "as a prerequisite to 'Overlord' (the 1944 landing in France)" was given to the combined bomber offensive against Germany. The lengthy discussions upon Operation "Overlord" were then summarized in the light of the combined planning in London by Gen. Morgan.

As the United States had the African command, it had been agreed between the President and me that the commander of "Overlord" should be British, and I proposed for this purpose, with the President's agreement, Gen. Brooke, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who, it may be remembered, had commanded a corps in the decisive battle on the road to Dunkirk, with both Alexander and Montgomery as his subordinates.

I had informed Gen. Brooke of this intention early in 1943. However, as the year advanced and the immense plan of the invasion began to take shape, I became increasingly impressed with the very great preponderance of American troops that would be employed after the original landing with equal numbers had been successful, and now at Quebec, I, myself, took the initiative of proposing to the President that an American commander should be appointed for the expedition to France.

He was gratified at this suggestion, and I dare say his mind had been moving that way. We therefore agreed that an American officer should command "Overlord" and that the Mediterranean should be entrusted to a British commander, the actual date of the change being dependent upon the progress of the war. In August, 1943, I informed Gen. Brooke, who had my entire confidence, of this change, and of the reasons for it. He bore the great disappointment with soldierly dignity.

As to Italy, the Chiefs of Staff proposed that there should be three phases in our future operations. First, we should drive Italy out of the war and establish airfields near Rome, and if possible farther north. I pointed out that I wanted it definitely understood that I was not committed to an advance beyond the Ancona-Pisa line.

Second, we should seize Sardinia and Corsica, and then press hard against the Germans in the north of the peninsula to stop them joining in the fight against "Overlord." There was also "Anvil," a projected landing in Southern France in the neighbourhood of Toulon and Marseilles and an advance northwards up the Rhone valley.

Staff For Asia

On the major question of the South-East Asia Command the original proposals of the British Chiefs of Staff had been considered. The plan of a Supreme Commander found favour, and the following recommendations were made:

(a) **That the Combined Chiefs of Staff will exercise a general jurisdiction over strategy for the South-East theatre and the allocation of American and British resources of all kinds between the China theatre and the South-East Asia Command.**

(b) **That the British Chiefs of Staff will exercise jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to operations, and will be the channel through which all instructions to the Supreme Commander are passed.**

The Staff discussion upon the share we were to have in the major assault upon Japan became heated and led to an amusing incident. Each of the joint Staffs had behind them a considerable group of 12 to 20 high Staff officers, a quivering audience, silent, with gleaming eyes. Presently the chairman said, "I think we had better discuss this without our Staffs being present," upon which the group of high Staff officers filed out into a waiting-room.

The quarrel was duly settled, as usual, and Mountbatten, whose position as Chief of Combined Operations gave him a seat on the British Chiefs of Staff Committee, seized this opportunity to ask the chairman if he might give a demonstration of the special mixture of ice which his scientists had found. This was called Pykrete.

On receiving permission, one of his Staff wheeled in on a large dumbwaiter two blocks of ice, about three feet high, one common or garden ice, the other Pykrete. He invited the strongest man present to chop each block of ice in half with a special chopper he had brought. All present voted Gen. Arnold into the job of "strong man."

He took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, and swung the chopper, splitting the ordinary ice with one blow. He turned round, smiling and, clasping his hands seized the chopper again and advanced upon the block of Pykrete. He swung the chopper, and as he brought it down let go with a cry of pain, for the Pykrete had suffered little damage and his elbows had been badly jarred.

Staff Horrified

Mountbatten then capped matters by drawing a pistol from his pocket to demonstrate the strength of Pykrete against gunfire. He first fired at the ordinary ice, which was shattered. He then fired at the Pykrete, which was so strong that the bullet ricocheted, narrowly missing Portal.

The waiting officers outside, who had been worried enough by the sound of the blows and the scream of pain from Gen. Arnold, were horrified at the revolver shots, one of them crying out, "My God! They've now started shooting!" But who in war will not have his laugh amid the skulls? — and here was one.

Actually the dispute between the British and American Chiefs of Staff was on the issue that Britain demanded a full and fair place in the war against Japan from the moment when Germany was beaten. She demanded a share of the airfields, a share of the bases for the Royal Navy, a proper assignment of duties to whatever divisions she could transport to the Far East after the Hitler business was finished. In the end the Americans gave way.

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Readers' Letters

LETTER TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Sir, — I should like to call your attention to an instance of exceptional courtesy on the part of one of the officers under your command, Shalom Nachshon, Number 3122.

Recently, I was involved in an automobile accident on the outskirts of Tel Aviv, which damaged my car to such an extent that I couldn't move it. It was nine o'clock in the evening and I could hardly hope for help. Then Police Officer Nachshon appeared. He examined the car and drove to a garage to try to get some assistance. He returned an hour later, with a tin of oil and the necessary tools. When it became clear that we couldn't repair the car on the spot, he drove off again to arrange to have it towed. The garages were all closed by now. Mr. Nachshon decided that a certain garage would be best able to handle the repair of a new Chrysler and stopped a passing tow truck which got us there. When we arrived, the garage was shut for the night.

Officer Nachshon then telephoned to the owner who ordered the garage opened in order that the car be left there. He then called a taxi and took me home. At 7 o'clock the next morning, he came to the garage himself and arranged to have the car taken care of at once.

I have been driving for 30 years, and never—in England, the U.S., France or Italy or any other country in which I have driven — have I come across such commendable service. I feel that officer Nachshon's conduct reflects most favourably on the police force as a whole. If so young a State can have such a fine force, I feel that older countries would do well to emulate it. As token of my deep gratitude, I enclose a cheque for IL. 50 which I will ask you to distribute as you see fit. I am sending copies of this letter to the Ministry of Police and to the Press.

Yours, etc.,
(Dr) GEORGE E. SPEARS
Ramat Gan, October.

FOOD FOR BABIES

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Countless mistakes can be excused by the fact that ours is a pioneering country. However, denial to babies of bare necessities is unpardonable.

My son is six months old and should receive daily three basic meals as follows:

1. Milk pudding.
2. Fresh vegetable soup.
3. One meal of fruit, juice and biscuits.

Meal No. 3 is omitted from his diet altogether as I have not received my biscuit ration for some months now nor any fruit apart from half a banana or ¼ of an apple per day which is insufficient. Instead he eats another milk pudding, of poor quality because

a) the milk ration is too small, and the substitute not available at present.
b) the sugar ration is inadequate and not distributed regularly.
c) cornflour is insufficient.
d) rice powder cannot be used because it is worm-infested.

As for "fresh" vegetable soup — my son has to be satisfied with tinned vegetables.

I am only one mother of many in Israel who wants to rear strong, healthy children. How can we do so if we don't receive the right food for children?

Yours, etc.,
A MOTHER

Tel Aviv, Oct. 4

UNPRONOUNCEABLE NAMES

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I was surprised to read that the Municipality's Committee on Names has deemed it necessary to change the name of Rehov Hamelachim, Katamon, to Rehov Hiskiahu Hamelech.

"Hamelachim" was the name given to the street by the inhabitants and since then entered as a postal address and in legal documents.

It would be wise for the City Fathers to remember that the inhabitants, rather than blunt their teeth in pronouncing the Committee's prize choices will revert to old names.

I suggest that a little more discretion be exercised in the choice of street names. There should be no change for the sake of a change, and where old names do not offend let them stay.

Yours, etc.,
AMOS GORDON

Jerusalem.

Public Versus Civil Servant

POST Reporter

WHEN Mr. L. Schwarz, young South African immigrant, struck a Government official recently, he highlighted the entire problem of relations between public officials and the community they are pledged to serve. Mr. Schwarz was trying to clear through Customs a quarter gramme of chloromycetin, urgently needed by his 22-month-old son. For days he had tried to locate the right office and discover the correct procedure for getting an import licence. When finally, with the drug still at Lydda risking spoilage, he was told that due to a technical omission in his application nothing could be done for a few more days, he lost his temper, and attacked two officials.

The magistrate before whom the case was tried, Mr. A. Giladi, let Mr. Schwarz off lightly with a bond of IL. 50 to be on good behaviour for one year.

As for Mr. Schwarz — he got his import licence through someone high up in the government. Next time Mr. Schwarz needs anything, he will almost certainly by-pass normal channels and go straight to someone "high up in the government." And so the contagion of "protekzia" will have spread further.

"Worth It"

Mr. Schwarz's story is not unique. Records of cases tried by Mr. Giladi recently include that of Mr. Abba Salzman, an American ex-Mahal member who was told repeatedly to "come again tomorrow" for the exit permit he needed to return to the United States. His patience exhausted, Mr. Salzman slapped an official in the face. He paid his fine, remarking that "it was worth every penny."

The predicament facing a magistrate in such cases is emphasized more strongly by the case of a blind man repeatedly charged before Mr. Giladi with begging. Although an expert wicker-worker anxious to earn his own living, the man claimed to be unable to find employment. In reply to the magistrate's enquiries, a senior welfare officer declared that the blind man was rich, and that she would not do anything to help him. Investigation revealed that he had no means of supporting himself or his family. Instructions to the welfare officer to deal with the case had no effect. Each time the blind man has appeared in court, Mr. Giladi has fined him one *pruta*, accompanying his judgment with a scathing indictment, not of the accused, but of the Ministry of Welfare, which has neglected to do the job for which it was created.

Petty Delays

The story of an application to study in Europe shows how petty delays sabotage the very object of the law. A lady who applied, in good time, to attend a professional study course overseas was granted an exit permit on the very day the course ended. She went abroad in any case. The effect of inefficiency here was to deny an exit permit for study but grant one for holiday.

The mounting volume of criticism to which each Israeli can contribute includes stories of entire files lost, of officials unavailable at specified hours; of disrespect for the time and purposes of others. The Clerical Workers' Union has shown itself sensitive to a barrage of such accusations and has issued a series of texts calling for greater courtesy and less procrastination. But the exhortations have not proved more useful than the mutual recrimination between public and officials.

The officials are no more inefficient or discourteous than the rest of us. Mr. Goldstern, who was attacked by Mr. Schwarz, maintained that he was acting according to regulations, and that the licensing system itself was at fault. Once again no one would take final responsibility. Trifling matters wait for the head of a department, while good workers, frustrated through lack of responsibility, leave jobs.

Government's Task

Of course members of the public are often rude and impatient, sometimes difficult through ignorance of the language and ways of the country, frequently excitable and occasionally dishonest. Relations between the public and its officials still cannot be separated from the question of the efficiency and courtesy of the services as a whole.

The government is about to raise the salaries of its officials. But there is very little to suggest that inefficiency springs from poor pay. No matter what its programme, the new Government will have to aim at a courteous, efficient administration as a primary responsibility.

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